

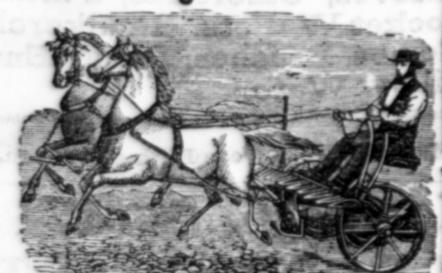
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FARMERS.

PLEASE CALL AND EXAMINE THE CLE-

REASERS AND MOWERS COMBINED.

WARRANTY.

We warrant these Machines to be well made, of good materials, simple, durable, and easy of draft for two men.

The Combined Reapers will cut from 12 to 15 acres of small grain per day. The Single Mower will cut and gather up to 15 acres of grass per day—both doing the work in a perfect manner.

The Mowers are designed for grass and forage and will clover without clogging.

CASH PRICES.

Combined Reaper and Mower.....\$180.
Single Reapers.....\$150.
Large Mowers.....\$120.
Small Mowers.....\$100.

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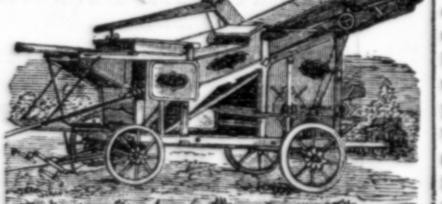
We have but a limited number of Machines to supply those who wish to secure one, and have your order entered.

We always keep a full supply of Extra for every part of these Machines, and have the best of mechanisms to repair them on short notice.

Catalogues giving full descriptions of them, furnished or sent by mail.

PITKIN, WIARD & CO.,
Sole Agents for Kentucky.

SWEEPSTAKES



SEPARATOR & CLEANER.

We have been selling this Machine for three seasons, and they have given complete satisfaction in every instance. For capacity, durability and finish, they exceed all others. We warrant every part of it to be of the best quality.

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L. L. DORSET,
A. W. HARDIN,
J. L. FICKLER.

Jefferson county, Ky.

COOK'S PATENT



EVAPORATOR.

We have the EXCLUSIVE CONTROL of this Evapo-
rator for the States of Kentucky, and in Indiana,
and the West. Persons growing rice are invited to call
and examine, and get a full description.

CASH PRICE.

No. 2 complete.....\$40.
No. 3 complete.....\$50.
No. 4 complete.....\$60.

SUGAR CANE MILLS.

We are selling with our Evaporator, the "Victor Can-
Mill," which stands far ahead of any other Mill on
any principle from any other, and cannot be ex-
ceeded. Call and examine, and get a descriptive cata-
logue.

CASH PRICE.

No. 1 Victor, complete.....\$70.
No. 2 Victor, complete.....\$80.
No. 3 Victor, complete.....\$90.

HORSE HAY RAKE.

We have the IMPROVED STEEL TOOTHPH RAKE, run-
ning wheels, and the revolving Rake. We consider
them the best Rakes in the market. Persons
looking for them should see them.

Steel Tooth complete.....\$12.
Revolving 14 Square Feet.....\$12.
Revolving 18 Square Feet.....\$15.

Horse Hay Fork.

We have the control of Kentucky for the sale of
GLADISHER'S PATENT HORSE PITCHFORK. We
have it at a great discount. Persons buying
this Fork will want the best. Call and see them.

Price, complete with 60 feet of rope.....\$15.

Agents wanted.

SHERMAN'S IMPROVED



CLOTHES WRINGER.

Has been pronounced by hundreds who have tested
it to be the very best Wringer in this market—

It is so simple in construction that it can
be easily got up, and it will swell or decay.

It is so compact that it is not necessary to
move it when you want to use it.

It sits so low the strain on the tub is much less
than it is on the other Wringers.

It is so simple that a child ten years old can
operate it.

It needs no adjusting, except for the largest arti-
cles, as there is no necessity for stretching the arti-
cles to fit.

It is worth the price, clothes and money. It is
worth perfectly even in every part of the clothes.

We sell this Wringer unscrewing it to perform a
satisfactory manner, or we do not ask the purchaser to
pay for it.

Price, complete.....\$7.

Agents wanted all over this State.

NOTICE.

In addition to articles above we keep a general assort-
ment of—

Agricultural Implements & Seeds,
Cunningham's Patent Cutting Boxes,
Sandford's Patent Cutting Boxes,
Virginia Corn Shellers,
Buckeye Corn Shellers,
Western Corn Shellers,
Cultivators, Corn Planers,

Plows Cast and Steel,
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Shovels, Hoes, Spades, Forks, &c.

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FRIDAY, JUNE 24, 1864.

NOTICE TO CITY SUBSCRIBERS.

The Daily Democrat, delivered by carriers throughout the city will hereafter be at the rate of twenty cents per week.

Important Notice.

Owing to the increased expense of every article used in the printing business, and an advance of twenty-five per cent. on the expense of composition, we are compelled to increase the cost of the Daily Democrat. Heretofore the daily, by mail, will be seventy-five cents per month, or four dollars for six months, or seven dollars per year—always in advance.

CITY NEWS.

THE DEMOCRATIC STATE CONVENTION WILL MEET AT Louisville, June 28, 1864.

POLICE PROCEEDINGS.—Thursday, June 28.—William, slave of Mr. Sparks, heard on yesterday; ordered that he receive ten stripes.

James Walker and Jenny Davis, beating and robbing—Mary Malvin of eleven dollars; sentenced.

Anna Haye, charged with arson—setting fire in a wardrobe at Jenny Law's house; bail in \$300 to answer to the next term of the Circuit Court.

Mike McCue, Nancy Caloway and John Nicholas, stealing about fifteen barrel salt from some one unknown; sentenced.

Even Humphrey, drunkard; fined \$5.

Joseph Smythe, cutting Adolph Dempf with a knife; \$300 for one year.

Mary Hanes and Judy, slave of Mr. Maudelle, drunkard; &c.; both went to workhouse.

One peace warrant disposed of.

FAIRFIELD HIGH SCHOOL EXHIBITION.—It is an acknowledged fact that our free High schools are without doubt the best established Schools in the country, and there have graduated from these schools persons who have proved ornaments to society so far as intellect is concerned. The exhibition of the Female High School, last night was a most complete success, and the hall was crowded. The compositions of the young ladies were excellent, and were read in a highly creditable manner. Both the scholars and teachers of this institution deserve great credit for their efficiency. The following young ladies, who belong to the Senior class, received their diplomas: Fannie O. Austin, Maggie J. Balfour, Lemira Duncan, Amelia C. Fontaine, Ella J. Gaither, Ella Holt, Sallie Holt, Laura Hughes, Mary Hoyte, M. Kate Mead, Mary H. Miles, L. Jennie Shaw.

ROBBERIES.—Robberies have of late become a matter of so common occurrence that the above headlining attracts but little, if any attention. Within the past year robberies have been committed which for daring would exceed those related in the life of the most daring highwayman. On Wednesday night James Walker and Jones, called at the house of Mary McElveen, and persuaded her to accompany them on a short walk. She consented, and after they had proceeded a short distance, the two former commenced an assault upon Mary, and after knocking her down, robbed her of what money she had, \$11.50. The parties were before the Police Court yesterday morning, when their case was continued until to-day.

MALTA HIGH SCHOOL.—Some years ago this institution, which has proved one of the best conducted in the country, was established, and since its organization a number of young men have graduated who now fill enviable positions among their fellow-citizens. The exhibition of this school will take place at the Masonic Temple to-night, when a very interesting entertainment will be given, and a number of the scholars will receive their diplomas. The mere announcement of this fact will fill the house.

MEETING OF THE ALUMNI.—The Alumni of the University of the public schools held their annual meeting yesterday at the University building, and elected, for the commencement in June, 1865, Diller Thompson, A. B., of the class of 1862, orator; Frank A. Seymour, A. M., of the class of 1860, first alternate, and William M. Gray, A. M., of the class of 1861, second alternate. The meeting adjourned until Saturday evening at four o'clock, when it is hoped all the members will be present.

BARRACKS ITEMS.—The amount of business transacted at the barracks yesterday was moderate. The only receipts were eighty convalescents from different points, en route for the front, and one deserter from Indianapolis. The transfers were one hundred and ninety-three stragglers and recruits to their regiments and ninety-one Federal prisoners to Lexington to be tried by court-martial there.

YESTERDAY.—It will be seen by reference to our advertising column that a special train will leave the Louisville and Nashville depot at 7 o'clock on Thursday, the 30th inst., for Bardstown, and return the same evening at 7 p.m. Parents and others wishing to attend the annual commencement at Nazareth will thus have the opportunity—leaving our city in the morning and returning again at night.

THE CITY COUNCIL.—In accordance with notice, the City Council assembled last night. Several communications were read and disposed of, and without transacting any business of importance, the Council adjourned to meet again next Thursday night.

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ARREST OF TWO NOTORIOUS CHARACTERS.—Yesterday Samuel Hardy, of company C, and Robert Palmer, of company L, Third Kentucky battery, were arrested at Frankfort and brought to this city for trial. They are both said to be men of desperate character. Hardy was formerly a deserter from the rebel army, having left that service on June the 6th, 1863. On the 31st of March, 1864, he enlisted in the Federal army, in the Third Maryland cavalry, which regiment he deserted on the 17th of the present month, after having robbed various members of the regiment. Palmer enlisted in the Third Kentucky battery about the first of the present month, and after receiving his bounty deserted. He is said to be a partner of Hardy's, and has been connected with him in many acts of rascality. The parties will either be tried here by court-martial or sent to Lexington.

STALING SALT.—A case of rather a novel character was yesterday brought to light in the Police Court, in which two men and one woman were accused of stealing fifteen barrels of salt. On Tuesday a boat loaded with salt landed at our landing, and yesterday morning, in delivering the salt, fifteen barrels were missing. Officers Antle and Ovington were made aware of the fact, arrested Mike McCue, John Nicholas and Mary Coleman, charged with the theft. In the building where the parties reside was found some 500 pounds of salt and one of the stolen barrels. The parties were seen aboard of the flatboat. It is supposed that they broke in the heads of the barrels and carried the salt off in baskets or buckets, after which they threw the barrels overboard. The parties will have a hearing before Judge Johnston this morning.

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OLD CRANKY says if any man thinks it's a nice thing, let him get married.

LOCAL NOTICES.

DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION POSTPONED.

The Kentucky Democratic Convention called for the 15th of June, at Louisville, is hereby postponed on account of the interruption of railroad communications, to Tuesday, June 28th. By order of Democratic Central Committee. J. R. BUCHANAN, Chairman.

LARGE SALE OF GROCERIES THIS MORNING.—Grocery merchant will bear in mind that the regular sale of groceries comes off this morning (Friday) at 10 a.m. Supermarket and other goods will be sold by Messrs. S. G. Henry & Co.

ATTENTION OF BUYERS.—The attention of buyers is called to Mr. C. G. Spencer's sale this morning of rocks and boulders, furniture and sandries; a rosewood piano, and a set of painter's hooks, ropes, block and tackle will be added.

PROFESSOR ST. BRUNO.—A splendid lot just arrived at Gay's China Palace, Fourth and Green. 10th inst.

FRUIT JARS.—Fruit Jars—a large assortment of all sizes at Gay's China Palace, Fourth and Green. 10th inst.

FOR COUGHS, COLDS, ASTHMA, & CONSUMPTION.—Try one 50 cent bottle of Dr. Strickland's M. Illinois Cough Balsam. We have tried it and can recommend it.

LADIES.—Ladies can find the latest styles of hats for themselves and children at Green & Green's, corner Main and Fourth. The hats are in original styles, and always obtain the latest goods from the most celebrated houses.

PARENTS.—Parents should get Harley's popular warm candy to give their children a safe and reliable remedy for worms. We hear it spoken of very highly.

HAT! HAT! HAT!—150 tons of prime Timnohy in bay store and for sale by GEO. R. PATTON, 120 Fourth st., bet. Main and river. 12th inst.

MEN'S CLOTHING.—At ARMSTRONG'S, YOUTH'S CLOTHING, at ARMSTRONG'S, CHILDREN'S CLOTHING, at J. M. ARMSTRONG'S, Fourth and Main, opposite the National.

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CO-Partnership.—Having this day formed a co-partnership with Wesley Good, we will continue our business, but we will now do the carrying on the future at the old stand, on Third street, between Jefferson and Green, under the style of Mendel & Flood. We will also buy, sell, and exchange stocks and bonds, and Southern money, for which we will pay the highest price. MENDEL & FLOOD.

BABY BUBBLES, HOBBY HORSES, PROPELLERS AND FOOT BALLS—a full assortment at J. S. S. 10th inst.

EXERCISES OF THE MAIN HIGH SCHOOL.—The commencement exercises of the Male High School will occur at the Masonic Temple to-night, when a very interesting entertainment will be given, and a number of the scholars will receive their diplomas. The mere announcement of this fact will fill the house.

YESTERDAY.—Yesterday Aaron Hedgins, who escaped from the jail at Lexington, came to this city and voluntarily surrendered himself to the military authorities. He was tried some time since by a court martial and sentenced to imprisonment. He will be returned to Lexington this morning.

YESTERDAY.—Some time since Miss Jane Ferguson was tried before a court-martial here, since which time she has been in custody, but the decision of the court in her case has never been made known. She was yesterday sent to Lexington under guard to await her sentence.

YESTERDAY.—Mr. Samuel Angel, an old citizen of New Albany, died at the residence of his son, John Angel, yesterday, aged 88 years. He was one of the first settlers in Floyd county, and was for more than sixty years a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

YESTERDAY.—Yesterday the patrol guard of this city arrested as a deserter, Sergeant Joe H. Reed, company H, Thirteenth Kentucky cavalry. He was sent to the barracks, where he will be confined until his case can be investigated by court-martial.

YESTERDAY.—On the last trip of the General Buell from Cincinnati to this point, a passenger, whose name we were unable to learn, while under the influence of liquor, fell from the guard into the river and was drowned.

YESTERDAY.—R. B. Pitman, who had once been arrested and taken the oath of allegiance, but violated the same, was yesterday arrested in this city and committed by the Provost Marshal to the military prison.

YESTERDAY.—W. H. Ehrlich, the popular news-dealer, on the corner of Third and Main streets, has our thanks for late favors.

AMUSEMENTS.

WOOD'S THEATRE.—Arlington, Kelly & Leon's minstrels filled Wood's Theatre last night with a most fashionable audience. We have so often recounted the excellence of this unrivaled company that it is useless for us to say more than that each played his part in their usual artistic style. To-morrow evening that graceful and sprightly style team will be a temptation to many to leave the house. The programme is as follows:—

YESTERDAY.—Last evening a man by the name of George W. Crisick met near the office of the Provost Marshal a number of rebel prisoners. He appeared very glad to see them, and was anxious to furnish them some assistance, at the same time giving one of the number a five dollar bill. He was taken before the Provost Marshal, who required him to take the oath, after which he was released.

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SPECIAL NOTICES.

AT COST! AT COST!

IN ORDER TO MAKE ROOM FOR SOME ALTERATIONS in our store, we will sell our entire stock of

LADIES', MISSES' and CHILDREN'S Fine Hats

AT PRIME COST.

They are new, fine and stylish.

GREEN & GREEN,
Cor. Main and Fourth Sts.,
Louisville, Ky.

Volunteers for the Army

should be supplied with HOLLYWOOD FILM & OINTMENT. For Sores, Scars, Wounds, Ulcers, Fevers and Bowel Complaints, those who have been in the field will find it a great relief.

EDWARD WILSON, co. B, 12th cav.

JOHN SWEEY, co. H, 11th cav.

JOHN KELCHER, co. B, 11th cav.

JOHN MARTIN, co. K, 11th cav.

THOMAS HAYDEN, co. B, 24th.

Among the patients admitted to general hospital in Kingston up to June 15th we find

the following names:

GREEN JORDAN, co. B, 14th.

JOSEPH SETTLES, co. B, 6th.

JOHN HARRIS, co. A, 2nd.

P. W. HARDIN, Capt. co. B, 23d.

P. J. JACOBS, Capt., co. C, 23d.

JOHN L. LEE, co. A, 12th.

EDWARD HOWARD, co. A, 14th.

JOHN H. PIERCE, co. A, 12th.

AMUSEMENTS.
WOOD'S THEATER.
ARLINGTON, KELLY & LEON'S
MINSTRELS.

Friday Evening, June 24th, 1864.
Last night but one of the engagement of this favorite
Company.
Entire change of programs this evening.

THE BLACK STAFF, as mounted only by this company
artists. The robes & gauntlets, & mounts of
the staff & a full & each representation is created, pro-
nounce it of the best.

ARTINSON IN HIS ESSENCE OF OLE VIRGINY.
The Piano used by this Company is from well-
known store of Tripp & Craig, and is one of Weber's
best.

S. COOK, Agent.

EDWIN KELLY, Manager.

LOUISVILLE THEATER.
Corner of Fourth and Green streets.

T. L. COPE, Proprietor and Manager,
THOMAS J. CAREY, Stage Manager.

THIS EVENING BEGINS
D. H. SPENCER and Chas. B. Williams.

M. R. GEORGE RADCLIFFE HAS KINDLY VOLUN-
TEERED TO APPAREL HIS
INIMITABLE BARNARD SCENE.

He has also accepted the challenge of Mr. Charles

Correll to

A BONE SOLO.

The singer to be presented with a magnificent Gorbet.

PRIVATE BOXES \$5.00, DINE & CIRCLE AND PAR-
TIES \$10.00, BOXES \$15.00, CURTAIN WILL BE AT 8 O'CLOCK.

LOUISVILLE THEATER
Will be opened on
MONDAY EVENING, JUNE 27TH, 1864.

Engagement of the Renowned

RAVELLE,

Martinetti & Marsetti Troupe,

Consisting of the following great artists:

Julian Martinetti, S. D. Cooley, A. Akers,

Joseph Marsetti, Mrs. D. Cooley, Mrs. Akers,

Caroline Mathisen, Mrs. W. C. Churchill,

Paul Martinetti, Mrs. W. C. Churchill,

Albert Berthold, Mrs. W. C. Churchill,

Mike Kite, Mrs. W. C. Churchill,

G. W. Berthold, Mrs. W. C. Churchill,

C. W. Ward, Mrs. W. C. Churchill,

Mike Carmel, Mrs. W. C. Churchill.

AND A Grand Corps de Ballet.

Jell'd

BASKET PICNIC
—OF THE—

Trades' Assembly, of Louisville

—AT—

Spring Garden,

On Monday, June 27th, 1864.

TICKETS FIFTY CENTS.

COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS.

G. A. Rohl, S. D. Cooley, A. Akers,

D. R. Elliott, J. K. Green, J. E. Twemlow,

Members of the different Trades' Unions will meet at their Hall, at 1 o'clock A. M.

W. W. WARD, EDWIN R. BISHOP,

E. D. WIGGINS, THEODORE HARIS, Committee.

Jell'd

Grand Masonic Festival,

—ON—

ST. JOHN'S DAY,

—AT—

Woodland Garden.

THE MT. ZION LODGE NO. 14, HAB-

IT ARRANGED FOR A grand festival

The brethren of this Lodge will meet on the 27th of June, at 6 o'clock P. M., in the hall of the Masonic Temple, commanding at 8 o'clock M. to

admission, ladies and gentlemen \$2.00 to be had of

Tickets, admitting lady and gentleman \$2.00 to be had of

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Jell'd

Old-Fashioned Barbecue.

ALL ARE INVITED TO HAYS SPRING, ON SAT-
URDAY, June 27th, 1864, at 12 M. at the Hays Spring, in the Woods, near Louisville, Ky. There will be a good time and fine music on the ground, so that old and young can enjoy themselves. Jell'd

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VERZENAY CHAMPAGNE,

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OLD BLUE HOUSE,

No. 79 Fourth Street, Between Main and Market,

most distantly, LOUISVILLE, KY.

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NEW YORK

WHOLESALE DEALERS IN

Furnishing Goods,

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Stationery,

Notions,

AT EASTERN PRICES.

405 Main St., bet. Fourth and Fifth

and distantly

REAPERS AND MOWERS.

Hubbard's Light Mower;

Hubbard's Medium Mower;

Kentucky Clipper;

Kentucky Harvester;

Kentucky Broad-gauge Reaper.

—ALSO—

HORSE HAY RAKES;

GRASS HAY RAKES;

CORN SHELLERS;

CUTTING MILLS;

SUGAR MILLS AND EVAPORATORS;

SOUP & SOUP HOUSES;

SYRTHES, SNATHS, CRADLES, &c.

For sale low. Look to your interest, and ex-
amine our stock before you buy.

SHERMAN & BRO., 65 Main St., bet. Sixth and Seventh,
Louisville, Ky.

WINDOW SHADIES

AND HOLLANDS.

A LARGE ASSORTMENT AT

W. F. WOOD'S Wall Paper Store,

Third street, above Main.

R. E. MILES'

SADDLE, HARNESS AND

Trunk Manufactory,

No. 211 Main street, bet. Second and Third,

and the "Golden Horse" yard.

H. S. JULIAN, THOS. D. TILFORD, E. MITCHELL

H. S. JULIAN & CO.,

Daily Democrat.

A Cat Story.

Within the borders of the Empire State lived a person known as Sharp—by name as well as nature, who is naturally shrewd, but his inordinate desire to speculate and make money sometimes causes him to be more venturesome than wise.

In casting about for some new project by which he might be enabled to pay taxes on a few hundred dollars' worth more of property, two facts were strikingly presented to his mind.

The first was that "catskins" were in demand in the fur-market, at what seemed to him to be a fair price; and the second, that the country was filled with them.

What a conclusion was there for such a mind as his! The crop seemed ready for harvesting, and all that he would have to do to obtain unlimited riches would be to obtain an unlimited supply of catskins from the unlimited number of cats.

To determine with him was to act; and, consequently, he at once proceeded to a dealer in furs and inquired:

"Do you purchase catskins?"

"Most certainly, I do."

"How many will you agree to take of me at the present market value?" he asked.

"As many as you can furnish," was the reply.

"Will you take a couple of thousand to commence with?"

"Have you got them on hand?" inquired the somewhat astonished fur-dealer.

"No," said Sharp, "but if you will take them, I have not the slightest doubt but that I can deliver them within the space of three or four months."

"Very well," replied the experienced fur-dealer, who had in mind difficulties in his attempting to do so in his succeeding.

"But you will agree to furnish a couple of hundred dollars in case you fail?"

A bargain was made accordingly on these terms, and Sharp lost no time in preparing to fulfill his part of the contract. His first move was to construct a large box, with a trap-door in the top of it, of sufficient size to admit a cat, and with it upon a sleigh, he started out for the purpose of gathering a load of cats. He stopped at every house, and made application for the services of as many members of the family as he could induce the owners to part with, promising a small reward for them when they were not tendered as free-will offerings. The first went through the trap-door in fine style, and fortune seemed to smile upon his enterprise. When the second cat went in, however, there arose strange sounds of discord—such as cats only can make—and he hastened to chuck in a third one, in the hope that, by holding the "balance of power," it would prevent any trouble between them. But it only increased it, as did the addition of each succeeding one which he took in. He had now collected a load of the noise of the strife, only hoping that the fur would not be injured, for the paws of every cat that he dropped in had considered the same as the ring of a half-dollar dropped into his pocket.

The noise increased as the number of cats became augmented, until the din of battle was heard far and near, and advertised his business in advance. But still in went the cats, and louder grew the din of the fray. He had succeeded so well that he had nearly filled his box when he came to a section of country where the roads were quite rough, and at every "pitch-hole" his living load was shaken fearfully, and so terrific grew the noise of conflict waged by the entire number, each in a death-grapple with all the rest, that his horses became frightened, and, in spite of his exertions to stop them, went in for a "run-away." On went the establishment, the alarmed residents of the country gazing affrighted at the spectacle, and terrified at the marvelous sounds from the box which, they were confident, far eclipsed Pandora's "box of horrors." At last the box struck against a stump by the side of the road, and the box was smashed into fragments. As no special artist was on the spot, it would be vain to attempt describing the scene. The remnants of a large number of cats were scattered over the ground, while all that were able to run, made for the woods as cats never ran before, and a thick cloud of hair and fur enveloped the surrounding country.

It would be supposed that, after this catastrophe, Sharp would have thrown up his contract in disgust. Not he; for failure only aroused him to the necessity of greater exertions. He gave up the box and the trap-door arrangements as impracticable and fitted up a large barn for the accommodation of cats, increased his price, and employed small boys to gather them for him, with such good success that in the course of a couple of weeks he succeeded in getting several hundred of them together. He then concluded that it was about time to commence killing them, so as to be able to deliver the first instalment of skins according to contract. He secured the services of a big negro named Mose, and, provided with a stout club, proceeded to the barn. Arrived there he concluded to assign to Mose the duty of holding the door and preventing the escape of any of the victims, while he entered and did the killing.

"Mose," said he, "I want you to hold the door while I am in."

"Yes, Mose," said Mose, "I will."

"And remember, don't you open it until I tell you to."

"I will, Mose."

And so did. The sinfulness of the negro's work was so reverently fully illustrated as to make it more perfectly proved!

Sharp entered heavily, and for a moment surveyed his prey, and then struck furiously at a large "tom" that was nearest to him. His blow took effect, but what was to do with the rescue? The cats understood this situation, and being rendered savage by their hold, they closed in upon all sides of him.

"Come to the rescue, Mose," he said to the chief of his Cate to the left of him.

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